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ENGLISH INJUSTICEInstance Pointed Out By Creator
of Famous Sherlock Holmes.**RICH THROUGH FRIENDSHIP**Friend of Cheshire Man Left Three
Quarters of a Million—Desperate
Struggle in Counterfeiting Den
in Darkest London.

London, Feb. 15.—Turning his gift of divination from fiction to fact, Sherlock Holmes has taken on a lease of life that bids fair to be as full of notable achievements as the career snuffed out by his untimely—or was it timely?—literary death. His investigation of the Edalji case and its review in a series of newspaper articles has so stirred the public mind that mass meetings are being held to demand free pardon and an inquiry into the manner of his trial and conviction, with sentence to seven years imprisonment.

Mr. George Edalji, a law graduate, was a practicing solicitor in Staffordshire, where a series of midnight outrages, involving the maiming of horses, sheep, and other farm animals, excited the public mind. Anonymous letter writing figures in the matter, and it was those letters which first directed suspicion toward Mr. Edalji. However, a more direct charge—that of maiming a horse—was brought against him, and he was sent to prison. Sir Conan Doyle characterizes the case as a gross miscarriage of justice, and after reading his analysis of the evidence the public is convinced of the correctness of his view.

Starting on his investigation without any preconceived opinion—having become interested in the problem it presents almost by accident—Sir Conan Doyle is led to the firmest conviction that evidence given against Mr. Edalji was entirely inadequate, open to suspicion where it looked strongest, and utterly inconclusive in the fact of the inherent weakness of the case for the prosecution and the impregnable alibi established for the defense. A verdict of guilty upon such evidence would have been impossible in a higher court, and it is a disgrace to the English judicial system that a conviction so arrived at should be allowed to stand. The inquiry of the proceedings burst on the public the moment Sir Conan, full of confidence as ever in his deductions and still imbued with his infallibility, announced the results of his study of the case.

Home Secretary Gladstone, who sits in judgment on cases alleging miscarriage of justice, is being showered with protests and petitions in behalf of Edalji, and has given audience to Sir Conan Doyle, but forcing the hand of the home office is rarely brought about. It was the home office that stood out

against the sentiment of the world in the Maybrick case, and that yielded so reluctantly in the Beck case—another instance of flagrant injustice—and it is unlikely that Sir Conan Doyle, influential and resourceful as he is, will succeed in having the case reopened. Nothing will come of the agitation, it is predicted, until the wrongs of Edalji are voiced by some one in Parliament who will get up the case properly and find an opportunity to inform the Commons adequately about it. As there are serious national questions involved, the home secretary will climb down from his lofty position of indifference to what the public wants, and the Edalji case will receive sympathetic consideration, thanks, all the same, to Sherlock Holmes.

The finding of a lost will has brought a windfall of three-quarters of a million for Mr. John Elliott of Sunnyside, Cheshire. It was the last testament of Mr. James Goddard Lear, who died in 1901. He was believed to have died intestate, and his brother Mr. Charles Hutton Lear, was appointed administrator of the estate. Dying two years later, the brother, Charles, left his own fortune of upward of half a million to his friend, Mr. John Elliott, expressing the hope that he would give effect to any directions possibly left by his brother, James, with respect to the property. After six years the latter's will has just been discovered and admitted to probate. It shows that James left the whole of his property to Charles, and therefore it forms part of the estate left by Charles to his friend Elliott, who thus becomes the possessor of the joint fortune of the Learns, through the mere tie of friendship. The story loses none of its strange interest from the fact that, while a friend of Charles Lear, the beneficiary was not even acquainted with the man of the lost will.

A desperate struggle in a counterfeiter's den in the Bethnal Green section of London was described in court when Charles Croney and Mary Sullivan were arraigned on the charge of making counterfeit coin. Surprised at work in their "mint" the prisoners had offered no resistance, but made a frantic effort to commit suicide on the spot. While the detectives were searching the room for evidence, Croney seized a saucer containing a liquid used in counterfeiting and put it to his lips. He was seized by the throat to prevent him from swallowing the stuff. He fought like a tiger, but was choked into a state of insensibility and an emetic forced down his throat. "It's no use," shouted Croney. "You can't help me. It's cyanide of potassium, and I've

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